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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-50 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 1-7 received by this Authority on 2004-09-21
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1-22 as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-25</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-25</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-25</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The application relates to a method to locate a fault from one end of a section of a power line.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 4559491 A1
D2: EP 0358488 A2
D3: SU 761953 B
D4: US 4107778 A1

Document D1 describes a method and a device for locating a fault point within a given section of a three-phase power transmission line. The distance to the measuring point is calculated from the parameters in a quadratic equation. See the abstract and equation 43. The calculations use symmetrical components. See column 4, lines 25-32.

Document D2 describes equipment for and methods of locating the position of a fault on a power transmission line. Symmetrical component transformation might be used in the calculations. See page 4, lines 58-61. Measurements are done in two different ends.

Document D3 describes a two-circuit branched transmission line fault site location system. The formulae for the distance to the fault site from a substation are formed in terms of symmetrical components and self-reactances of the circuits. See the abstract.

Document D4 describes a fault-location calculating system

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Supplemental Box

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using a symmetric coordinate system and calculates the distance to the fault location.

The fault point locating method described in D1 is considered to represent the closest prior art. The claimed invention differs from this technique in that it determines a compensation for a shunt capacitance. The invention defined in claims 1-25 is not disclosed by any of these documents. Documents D1-D4 do not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed method to locate a fault in a power line. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-25 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.